

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9, 11-15, 19, 20, and 22-25 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 8, 15, 20, and 24 are amended, and claim 26 is cancelled. No new matter is added with the present amendment.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim 19 and of the subject matter of claims 8, 9, 11-15, 21-23, 25, and 26. Accordingly, claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26, and is thus in condition for allowance. The rejections of claims 20 and dependent claim 24 are therefore moot, and will not be addressed further.

Claims 8, 9, 11-15, and 24 are objected to because of various informalities. Accordingly, claim 8 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 8, and claim 24 has been amended to replace “may” with “can.”

Applicant understands that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and timely allowance of all of the pending claims. Examiner Payer is encouraged to contact Mr. Bennett by telephone at (206) 694-4848 to discuss the above and any other distinctions between the claims and the applied references, if desired. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims, she is encouraged to contact Mr. Bennett by telephone to expeditiously correct such informalities.

To ensure proper disclosure, applicant notes here that related application serial number 11/195,330 is also currently pending. Inasmuch as Examiner Payer is the assigned examiner in that matter, as well, Applicant assumes that copies of the recent Office Action and response are not required, but would be pleased to provide them if necessary.

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Reply to Office Action dated April 10, 2007

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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